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Japanese Laid-Open Utility-Model Publication No. 62-40868 discloses a steer tube 5 with a stem pipe 4 having an electric device unit 8 therein.

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Prompt examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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